

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 13, of the specification and substitute therefor:

In summary, the present invention describes a system and method in which an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD) or similar device is used to select and store programs to support video on demand. In one embodiment, programs are selected by use of a broadcaster-controlled attribute, such as a flag in a program guide. In another embodiment, this is accomplished by a customer setup profile (e.g. programs with DOLBY digital or programs of a specific genre). The IRD scans the program guide to identify VOD candidates, and based on the start times in the program guides and transport streams, [[the]] then schedules the pre-recording of segments of the identified programs.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 23, of the specification, and substitute therefor:

In one embodiment, the decryption process is accomplished as follows. In response to a user demand and while retrieving the stored first segment 804 for presentation to the user, a message is transmitted [[to]] from the IRD 200 separately identifying each of the subsequent segments 806 of the selected video program and the user to the program source such as the control center 102 or the uplink center 104. A code or key such as the PIP is then received by the IRD 200. The key is later used to decrypt the encrypted segments so the video program can be viewed by the user.